

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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of the

TOWN OF

ELLSWORTH. NEW HAMPSHIRE

Year Ending

December 31, 1981

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OFFICERS

1981

MODERATOR

William Cantlin

TOWN CLERK

Anne T. Packard

SELECTMEN

Richard G. Holt
William L. Johnstone
Leonard P. Clayton

TAX COLLECTOR

Anne T. Packard

TREASURER

Jean F. Johnstone

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Jean F. Johnstone
Jane Cantlin
Peter Minnon

AUDITORS

William Cantlin
Janet Zwicker

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls will be open from 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 9, 1982

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at 6:30 of the clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same. (Salaries-\$3330.00, Town Officers' Expenses-\$800.00, Election and Registration-\$60.00, Town House Expenses-\$100.00) \$4290.00.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4819.55 for maintenance and repair of Highways and Bridges. (Summer-\$1069.55, Winter-\$3750.00)

Article 4: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to spend Highway Subsidy Funds estimated at \$1130.45.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78.43 as Town share of Town Road Aid (TRA) (State share - \$522.86).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, \$200.00 for the use of the Thornton Dump and \$100.00 for the use of the Rumney Dump.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00 to cover the cost of insurance.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00, \$100.00 for the Campton Fire Department, \$100.00 for the Rumney Fire Department and \$50.00 for general expenses.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care of Cemeteries.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for general expenses of the Highway Department.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$153.70 to be used by the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency as Ellsworth's share in helping to defray the expenses of operating a Visiting Nurses and Therapeutics Service in the area.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76.00 as the Town's share for operation of the North Country Council for one year, beginning July 1, 1982. These funds will be used for financing staff, office and general operating expenses, regional planning studies, technical assistance and other programs of the Council. These funds may be used in conjunction with State and Federal funds available for planning purposes.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board under the provisions of RSA 36 and that the Selectmen shall appoint said commission to consist of 5 members, within 30 days of said annual meeting and that the Selectmen shall also designate, for the purpose of calling the first board meeting, a temporary Chairman.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Town Planning Board to approve or disapprove in its discretion new subdivisions and plans thereof as provided in RSA 36: 19-29 inclusive and RSA 36:34.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the Arnt Road from Class V to Class VI subject to Gates and Bars.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to enter into negotiations with the U. S. Forest Service for the purpose of entering into a cooperative agreement for the reconstruction and/or replacement of the Ellsworth Pond Bridge #122/070.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as a setoff against the highway maintenance appropriation. This sum is \$941.24.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents and Officers.

Article 20: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 28th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two.

William L. Johnstone
Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt

A true copy of Warrant - Attest

William L. Johnstone
Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt

March 9, 1982

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named Town, to meet at time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the residence of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, being public places in said Town, on the 28th day of February, 1982.

William L. Johnstone
Leonard P. Clayton
Richard G. Holt

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH, N.H.
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1982

	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year 1981	Actual Expend- itures Previous Fiscal Year 1981	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1982
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION			
<u>General Government:</u>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3130.00	\$ 3130.00	\$ 3330.00
Town Officers' Expenses	690.00	508.66	800.00
Election and Registration Expenses	25.00	29.10	60.00
Town Hall Expenses	100.00	91.08	100.00
North Country Council	66.00	66.00	76.00
<u>Protection of Persons and Property:</u>			
Fire Dept., inc. Forest Fires	200.00	0	250.00
Insurance	900.00	736.00	900.00
<u>Health Department:</u>			
Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency	144.04	144.04	153.70
Town Dumps and Garbage Removal	300.00	0	300.00
<u>Highways and Bridges:</u>			
Town Road Maintenance	4900.00	4624.13	4819.55
General Highway Expenses	0	97.98	100.00
Town Road Aid	78.81	78.81	78.43
Highway Subsidy	--	1133.00	1130.45
<u>Public Services Enterprises:</u>			
Cemeteries	100.00	87.50	100.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$10633.85	\$10726.30	\$12198.13
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes			11879.31
AMOUNT OF TAXES TO BE RAISED (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$ 318.82

	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
<u>From Local Taxes:</u>			
Resident Taxes	\$ 350.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 380.00
Yield Taxes	900.00	3139.99	3500.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	50.00	146.07	50.00
Inventory Penalties	--	110.00	--
<u>From State:</u>			
Meals and Rooms Tax	235.00	174.82	200.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	50.00	195.37	100.00
Savings Bank Tax	100.00	74.29	75.00
Highway Subsidy	1369.33	1133.94	1130.45
Town Road Aid	524.43	0	522.86
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	950.00	0	900.00
National Forest Reserve	2000.00	2248.87	2000.00
Reimb. a/c Fighting Forest Fires	25.00	--	25.00
Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax	150.00	410.42	--
US Dept. of Interior in lieu of taxes	--	1151.00	0
Land Entitlement	--	414.00	--
<u>Licenses and Permits:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1500.00	1809.25	1200.00
Dog Licenses	100.00	91.10	65.00
Permits and Filing Fees	10.00	51.50	0
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues:</u>			
Interest on Deposits	100.00	315.57	75.00
Insurance Adjustment	--	70.00	--
<u>Other Financing Sources:</u>			
Revenue Sharing Fund	481.00	485.24	1656.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 8894.76	\$12401.43	\$11879.31

1981 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$1,241,050.00
Buildings	846,450.00
Public Utility - Electric	35,000.00
Trailers	18,600.00
TOTAL	\$2,141,100.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Total Town Appropriations	\$10,634.00
Total Revenue and Credits	14,757.00
Net Town Appropriations	(4,123.00)
County Tax Assessment	4,083.00
Total Tax Assessment	(40.00)
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement -	(410.00)
Add War Service Tax Credits +	450.00
Add Overlay +	-0-
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	\$ -0-

\$450.00 War Service Tax Credit to be applied to school tax assessed by the State.

1981 Tax Rate (Town \$0.00 - County \$ 0.00) \$0.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES OF 1981

	1981 Approp. Fiscal Year	1981 Actual Expended	1981 Over- Expended	1981 Under- Expended
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS				
<u>General Government:</u>				
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,130.00	\$ 3,130.00	\$	\$
Town Officers' Expenses	690.00	508.66		181.34
Election & Registration	25.00	29.10	4.10	
Town House Expenses	100.00	91.08		
Gen. Governmental Exp. Reg. of Deeds		34.18	34.18	
<u>Protection of Persons & Property:</u>				
Fire Department	200.00			200.00
Insurance	900.00	736.00		164.00
<u>HEALTH:</u>				
Health Dept. - Hosp.- Amb.	144.04	144.04		
Dumps	300.00			300.00
<u>HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:</u>				
Town Road Aid	78.81	78.81		
Town Maintenance	4,900.00	5,757.13		857.13
General Highway		97.98	97.98	
<u>PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:</u>				
Cemeteries	100.00	87.50		12.50
Unclassified				
North Country Council	66.00	66.00		
	\$10,633.85	\$10,760.48	\$ 136.26	\$ 1,714.97

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

ASSETS

Cash:

In Hands of Treasurer	\$11,200.15	
Pistol Permit Fees	8.00	
TOTAL		\$11,208.15

Accounts Due to the Town:

Due From State		
From TRA 1980	295.50	
From TRA 1981	525.43	
Other		
From Forest Service for Bridge #122-079	2,008.62	
TOTAL		\$ 2,829.55

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1981 (Inc. Resident Taxes)	698.47	
Levy of 1980	488.78	
Levy of 1979	20.00	
Previous Years	54.60	
TOTAL		\$ 1,261.85

TOTAL ASSETS

\$15,299.55

GRAND TOTAL

\$15,299.55

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Unexpended Balances of Special Approp.	\$ 4,037.92	
Bridge #122-079		
Surplus	\$2,029.30	
Forest Service	2008.62	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	941.24	
Unexpended State Highway Subsidy Funds	9.86	
Town of Campton - Fire - \$100.00	100.00	
Town of Thornton - Dump - \$200.00	200.00	
Town of Rumney - Fire - \$100.00 " - \$100.00	200.00	
Dog License Fees Collected - Not Remitted	20.00	
Yield Tax Deposits - Burnham	77.25	
Cersosimo - 3731.00		
Ladd - 466.50 + 447.50 + 199.00		
TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN	4,921.25	\$10,430.27

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$10,430.27

CURRENT SURPLUS (Excess of assets over liabilities)

4,869.28

GRAND TOTAL

\$15,299.55

RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and Remitted to Treasurer)

Property Taxes - Current Year - 1981	\$ -0-
Resident Taxes - Current Year-1981	320.00
Yield Taxes - Current Year - 1981-\$2780.27 - 359.72	3,139.99
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Years	2,667.98
Resident Taxes - Previous Years	60.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	101.22
Penalties: Resident Taxes	6.00
Fees for Posting Property	38.85
Inventory Fines	110.00

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED \$ 6,444.04

From State:

Meals and Rooms Tax	174.82
Interest and Dividends Tax	195.37
Savings Bank Tax	74.29
Highway Subsidy	1,133.94
National Forest Reserve	2,248.87
Reimb.a/c Business Profits Tax	410.42

TOTAL RECEIPT FROM STATE 4,237.71

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	1,809.25
Dog Licenses	91.10
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees & Title App.	51.50
Interest Received on Deposits	315.57

TOTAL INCOME FROM LOCAL SOURCES 2,267.42

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Insurance Adjustments	70.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,151.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	3,808.25
Transfer of Yield Tax Dep. to New Account	4,520.20
Transfer of Yield Tax Deposit to G.F. From Savings	3,140.28
Closed out old Savings Acct. # 55428	124.24
Closed out old Savings Acct. # 44836	168.20

TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE 12,982.17

Grants from Federal Government:

Revenue Sharing	481.00
Interest of Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds	4.24
Land Entitlement	414.00
Payment for Bridge from U.S.F.S.	2,008.62

TOTAL GRANTS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 2,907.86

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES

Cash on Hand January 1, 1981 28,839.20

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 41,807.56

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Officers Salaries	\$3,130.00
Town Officers Expenses	508.66
Election and Registration Expenses	29.10
Town Hall and Other Buildings Expenses	91.08
Other General Governmental Exp. - Registrar of Deeds	34.18

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,793.02
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Insurance	736.00
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TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY EXPENSES	736.00
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HEALTH:

Pemi Baker Home Health	144.04
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TOTAL HEALTH EXPENSES	144.04
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Town Road Aid	78.81
Town Maintenance	5,757.13
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	97.98

TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES EXPENSES	5,933.92
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PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:

Cemeteries	87.50
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TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE EXPENSES	87.50
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UNCLASSIFIED:

Advertising and Regional Associations	66.00
Refund of Excess Y.T. Deposits	360.01
Close out Savings Account # 55428 pay to General Fund	124.24
Close out Savings Account # 44836 pay to General Fund	168.20
Close out Savings Account #60620 Pay to New Acct.#63625	4,014.24
Close out Savings Acct. #62195 pay to new Acct.#63625	505.96
Transfer of Cersosimo Yield Tax Deposit to General Fund from Savings	3,140.28
Transfer of Cersosimo Y.T. Deposit to G.F. from Sav.	359.72
Payment of Cersosimo Y.T. from Dep. in G.F. to Tax Col.	2,780.27

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	11,518.92
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CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Bridge Project - Initial Payment	4,254.32
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TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY PAYMENTS	4,254.32
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

Payment to Satat a/c Dog License Fees	10.50
Payments to State a/c 2% bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	46.19
Taxes Paid to County	4,083.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS	4,139.69
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TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	30,607.41
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Cash on Hand December 31, 1981	11,200.15
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GRAND TOTAL	\$ 41,807.56
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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land and Building

\$7500.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1981

Automobile Registrations

\$1809.25

Dog Licenses

91.10

Title Applications and Filing

5.50

Other Fees Collected

46.00

Total Remitted to Treasurer

\$1952.35

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1981

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

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-----Levies Of:-----

<u>Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Property Taxes		\$2689.81	\$ 87.75
Resident Taxes		60.00	20.00
Yield Taxes		433.80	
<u>Taxes Committed To Collector:</u>			
Property Taxes	-0-		
Resident Taxes	\$ 410.00		
Yield Taxes	3738.46		
<u>Added Taxes:</u>			
Resident Taxes	10.00		
<u>Interest Collected on Delinquent</u>			
Property Taxes		97.14	4.08
<u>Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:</u>		6.00	
<u>Inventory Penalties:</u>	10.00	90.00	10.00
<u>Costs Collected for Posting for Tax Sale:</u>		38.55	
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>	<u>\$4168.46</u>	<u>\$3376.75</u>	<u>\$ 121.83</u>

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-----Levies Of:-----

<u>Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Property Taxes		\$2634.83	\$ 33.15
Resident Taxes	\$ 320.00	60.00	
Yield Taxes	3139.99		
Interest Collected During Year		97.14	4.08
Penalties on Resident Taxes		6.00	
Inventory Penalties	10.00	90.00	10.00
Costs for Posting for Tax Sale		38.55	
<u>Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year</u> (As Per Collector's List)			
Property Taxes		\$ 54.98	\$ 54.60
Resident Taxes	\$ 100.00		20.00
Yield Taxes	598.47	433.80	
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$4168.46	 \$3376.75	 \$ 121.83

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1981

Property Taxes

1977 Levy

James King \$ 54.60

1980 Levy

Deachman, VanArsdale, Nichols \$ 54.98

Resident Taxes

1979 Levy

Peter and Cheryl Magnant \$ 20.00

1981 Levy

Kenneth Carlucci 10.00
Theresa Carlucci 10.00
Diane Clark 10.00
William L. Clark 10.00
William S. Clark 10.00
Geraldine Clayton 10.00
Leonard Clayton 10.00
Marshall Clayton 10.00
Thomas Deachman 10.00
Joan Scott 10.00

Levy 07

1980	1981
15836.83	2320.00
80.00	3139.99
97.14	10.00
6.00	90.00
10.00	20.00
24.00	24.00
20.00	20.00
24168.46	2320.78
24168.46	24168.46

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1981

(Continued)

Yield Taxes

1980 Levy

Gary Ladd

\$ 433.80

1981 Levy

Gary Ladd

\$ 598.47

TOTAL CREDITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES DECEMBER 31, 1981

Property Taxes

1977 Levy

2 54.80

James King

1980 Levy

2 54.98

Dechman, VanArsdale, Nichols

Resident Taxes

1977 Levy

2 20.00

Peter and Cheryl Magant

1981 Levy

10.00

Kenneth Carlucci

10.00

Thomas Carlucci

10.00

Diane Clark

10.00

William L. Clark

10.00

William S. Clark

10.00

Geraldine Clayton

10.00

Leonard Clayton

10.00

Harold Clayton

10.00

Thomas Dechman

10.00

Joan Scott

REPORT OF TREASURER

1981

GENERAL FUND

January 1, 1981 Balance	\$ 8244.29	
Total Receipts 1981	20070.94	
Total Payments 1981		\$ 28315.23 22294.77
December 31, 1981 Balance		<u>\$ 6020.46</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank

Account # 63608			
Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account			
Royal Burnham	\$ 77.25		
Account # 63608			
Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account			
Cersosimo Lumber Co., Inc.	\$3731.00		
Account # 63608			
Town of Ellsworth Yield Tax Account			
Gary Ladd	\$ 466.50		
Interest Previous Years	\$465.13		
Interest - 1981	315.57	<u>780.70</u>	\$ 5055.45
Account # 63625			
Town of Ellsworth			
Revenue Sharing Account	\$ 120.00		
Interest	4.24	<u>\$ 124.24</u>	
TOTAL IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS			<u>\$ 5179.69</u>
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1981			<u><u>\$ 11200.15</u></u>

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the reports and records of Ellsworth. Our examination included various checks of accounting records we deemed appropriate.

To the best of our knowledge these reports and records fairly and accurately report the financial activities of the town.

William Cantlin

Janet Zwicker

February 21, 1982

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In our continued effort to communicate more directly with the taxpaying citizens of Grafton County, we are taking this opportunity to reach you through your annual town/city report.

We are pleased to report that, due to the unusually high interest rates during our 1981 fiscal year, Grafton County had a very good investment year, realizing \$71,375 in interest earned, which contributed to the \$257,458 surplus, most of which was applied to the fiscal year 1982 budget to reduce tax requirements. Budget appropriations for the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981 are about on target. However, we may be looking to a deficit at fiscal year end and we definitely anticipate a sizeable budget increase next fiscal year due to shifts in programs and financial responsibilities without accompanying federal/state funding to administer these programs, many of which are mandatory, not optional. Impact is already being felt by towns as well as counties in the educational, child protection/placement, and medicaid programs. In line with state and local "belt tightening", the County Commissioners will be taking a hard look at budget requests this next fiscal year. Priorities must be established to "hold the line" in future budget appropriations.

The computerized bookkeeping system is working out well, proving to be an asset in controlling appropriations and allowing on-demand reports showing the County's financial position at any given time.

Grafton County Commissioners, along with the maintenance supervisors and Nursing Home administration, continue to work closely with Dynamic Integrations in effecting energy conservation measures, both for the Courthouse and Nursing Home Complex. Many dollars have been and will continue to be saved through these efforts.

Superior Court has requested finishing the second courtroom in the very near future as there is a greater demand for jury hearings and use of two courtrooms at the same time. The Commissioners have engaged Wright-Pierce architectural firm to submit proposals for finishing the second courtroom, with the intent of having funds included in the next fiscal year's budget to carry out the project.

Again this year the farm has been productive. Cattle sales grossed an all time high of \$35,235. While cattle sales have been very successful, our herd has remained consistently highly rated in the Dairy Herd Improvement Association reports. Cattle were entered into eight various sales in three different states. The total herd, including milkers, heifers and calves, numbers about 187. The swine program has also had a most fruitful year, with a combination of production and sales. As in the years past, we maintain a waiting list for piglets. There have been quite a few field trips through the facility by the local school districts and Future Farmers Association, utilizing our farm for their educational programs. The Nursing Home purchased \$32,402 of food and produce from the farm, which was advantageous to our residents by having fresh produce in season and frozen produce during the winter months, not to mention the cost saving factor.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

In our continued effort to communicate more directly with the taxpayers of Grafton County, we are taking this opportunity to reach you through your annual town meeting report.

Grafton County had the highest census ever this past year in the Jail and House of Correction, resulting in an increase in management problems such as overcrowding, staff stress, and much higher than anticipated inmate medical costs. Inappropriate admissions to county jails of mentally disturbed inmates has created a great portion of inmate behavior problems within the facility.

The Commissioners hold their regular meeting every Monday, except holidays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Office of the Grafton County Courthouse, followed by a second meeting at the Grafton County Nursing Home Complex at 1:00 p.m., which regularly includes visits to farm and jail facilities. Public and press are welcome, and, in fact, are encouraged to attend the meetings.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Richard L. Bradley, Chairman

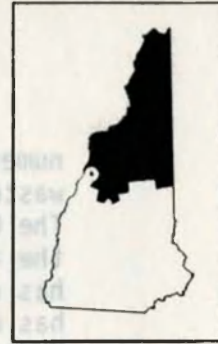
Dorothy Campion, Clerk

Arthur E. Snell, Vice Chairman

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North Country Council, Inc.



Frederick W. King, President
Gerald I. Coogan, Executive Director

P. O. Box 40 Franconia
New Hampshire 03580

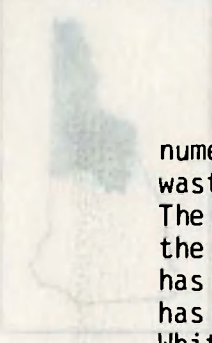
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NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL TOWN REPORT

The past year was a busy one for the Council in terms of providing a variety of information and technical assistance to the towns in our region. For nine months, the Council had an active Business Development Program with a staff member contacting industries in southern New Hampshire and northeastern Massachusetts to discuss the characteristics and advantages of the region's growth centers and labor force. As a result, several companies expressed serious interest in locating their industries in the North Country. The Council was also very active in other aspects of economic development including initiation of an industrial park study in Lancaster and providing assistance to the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation in expanding their Park. An application was prepared and submitted to the Economic Development Administration for a \$600,000 Revolving Loan Fund to help finance the location of industries in growth center communities.

The mainstay of our assistance to towns has been community planning. The Council staff met throughout the year with planning boards, boards of adjustment, and master plan committees to discuss solutions to local community issues - such as zoning, subdivision review, sign, parking and mobile home regulations, recreation, and more. The Council organized a seminar for Coos County towns on the subdivision review process in April. After the amendment of the subdivision law during the recent legislative session, we sponsored three subregional seminars on the new procedure for subdivision review. Fact sheets on both the new mobile home law and the new subdivision law were prepared and sent to the planning boards and selectmen.


North Country

In the area of solid waste, the Council continues to provide assistance to numerous communities by helping them find cost-effective solutions to the solid waste problem, such as sanitary landfill, incineration, and resource recovery. The Council has also worked with legislators to draft appropriate amendments to the recently-passed solid waste law. In the area of transportation, the Council has continued to encourage the state to improve regional highways. The Council has worked in support of commuter air service to both the Berlin Airport and the Whitefield Regional Airport. The Council worked with the Railroad Division of the DPW&H to encourage the retention and improvement of rail service on the state-owned lines in our region and also to improve other important lines such as the Conway Branch line.

In the area of community development, the Council prepared four applications for community development assistance in 1981 with one, the development of a water supply for Whitefield, receiving full funding from HUD. The Council has been keeping up on the proposed regulations to the Small Cities Community Development Program so that communities in the North Country may benefit from the grant monies as they become available through this program.

In the area of housing the Council has initiated a survey to determine the potential for rehabilitation of existing units in towns as an alternative to the traditional approach of building new housing units. There appears to be general support from the area selectmen for this type of moderately-priced housing project. Energy continues to be a very important project of the Council with NCC acting as a coordinator and clearinghouse for energy conservation and planning information.

During this past session, State Legislators requested our comments on certain bills such as the proposed enterprise zone and the amendments to the Industrial Development Authority legislation. NCC continues to be active in such groups as the National Association of Regional Councils, the NH Environmental Law Clinic, and New Hampshire Regional Planning Commissions, in order to bring valuable information and services to our communities.

The Council is a very cost-effective local organization, as was shown by a recent survey which showed that for every dollar that was appropriated by towns in 1980, almost six dollars in services were provided by the Council. As in the past, the Council's major emphasis will continue to be technical assistance and information on municipal planning and development for local governments, especially selectmen, planning boards, and other related groups. The Council staff is always available to meet with local officials to discuss projects and needs of the towns and ways in which NCC can provide assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick W. King, President

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Salaries

The 1982 budget reflects the following salaries as determined by policies set in the 1981 Town Report - We will have 2 Elections in 1982.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>		
Moderator	\$ 50.00	+ \$20.00 per elect.	\$ 90
Town Clerk	400.00	+ 20.00 " "	440
Selectmen:			
Chariman	600.00		600
Selectmen (2)	500.00		1000
Tax Collector	500.00		500
Treasurer	300.00		300
Supervisors of the			
Checklist (3)	60.00	+ 20.00 " "	300
Auditors (2)	50.00		100
Total Salaries 1982			<u>\$3330</u>

We are pleased to report that the bridge project has been completed. The first of two payments has been made, with Forest Service contributing their share. The second payment will be made this year after the State has finished it's final accounting. Asfar as we can determine at this time it will not be necessary for the Town to borrow any money for the final payment.

We hope that the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to enter negotiations with the Forest Service for work to be done on the Pond Bridge.

The Selectmen met with a representative of the North Country Council, and discussed the importance of a Planning Board and it's functions to the future well being of the Town. We urge the Town to support the establishment of a five member Planning Board.

We wish good luck and THANKS to the residents of the Town, who have given of their time as Town Officers, who are leaving us for greener pastures and HIGHER TAXES.

SELECTMEN, TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

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